

Snapshot

Governance



The LGBTIQA+ Community Advisory Committee and Council's Internal Working Group were formed with the endorsement of the LGBTIQA+ Strategy and Action Plan. These advisory bodies, consisting of community members, elected Councillors, local organisations and Council Officers meet quarterly to discuss and guide the impacts of Council programs, initiatives and advocacy for Maribyrnong's LGBTIQA+ residents, businesses and visitors.

Council LGBTIQA+
Internal Working
Group
10
Members

Council
LGBTIQA+
Community Advisory
Committee
15
Members

Partnerships and collaborations



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- ACON • Brimbank City Council • cohealth • Footscray Community Arts
- LGPro Rainbow Special Interest Group • Minus18 • Pride in Diversity
- Queer Social • Queer-Ways • Queer Youth Network • QWest
- Rainbow Beach Tennis Victoria • Rainbow Local Government
- The Iceberg Foundation • Elenor Clinic • Thorne Harbour Health
- Transgender Victoria • Victorian Pride Lobby • Western Region Public Health Unit

Council fosters direct relationships with community groups and LGBTIQA+ organisations, often partnering for events, training or consultation. Through these connections we grow our understanding of community needs, sustain the flow of knowledge between Council's and our stakeholders, and remain aware of important issues on the national and world stage.

Advocacy, activations and engagement

Council works closely with LGBTIQA+ stakeholders, community groups and peak bodies to deliver impactful outcomes for rainbow residents across the municipality. Through the Strategy and Action Plan Council advocates for improved safety and healthcare, platforms local LGBTIQA+ creatives and enhances local rainbow visibility.

2026 Census Advocacy

A letter was sent to the PM calling for the inclusion of gender and sexuality questions.

WesternHealth Mpox
Awareness Campaign
deployed across

12
Council sites

Attended the 2nd
Annual Brimbank
LGBTIQA+ Safety
Roundtable

Partnering with services across the Western Region to advocate and workshop safer outcomes for our Rainbow Community.



Council delivered the municipal-wide Love Your West With Pride visibility campaign to 150 locations across the City.



Council partnered with BE.ONE Creative to produce one of Australia's largest permanent pride flag murals, with the installation launch event bringing local community, Councillors and creatives together.

Programs, recognition and events

Council is committed to recognising the achievements of our LGBTIQA+ community through the delivery of low/no-cost events, celebrate days of significance and partner with services and peak bodies to deliver positive programs or initiatives.



Civic Awards LGBTIQA+
Leadership Award
The Iceberg Foundation



Fringe Festival Electric Cathedral
256
Admittances



Library led discussion groups
216
Participants

- Observed days of
LGBTIQA+ significance
- Midsumma Pride • IDAHOBIT
 - Wear it Purple Day

600+ **12**
People engaged across Events



2nd annual Rainbow Soiree
45
Attendees



Senior's Festival 3rd annual
Pocketful of Pride LGBTI event
15
Attendees



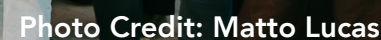
LGBTIQA+ beach tennis
60
Attendees

Place based and
Community Grants

\$50K+
LGBTIQA+ programs

Produced by Grace Dlabik, director and founder of BE. ONE Creative, an artistic business supporting gender diverse and First Nations creatives, the Pride Mural was installed in January 2025 on the north wall of Footscray Library.

A celebratory installation event was held on January 30 2025, drawing over forty guests representing community, Councillors, Advisory Committee members, local service providers and library patrons, with a show-stopping performance from drag artist Valerie Hex.



Council promotes equality and addresses inequality for LGBTIQ+ people through clear leadership and principled action.

- First nations first
- Participation
- Accountability
- Non-discrimination and equity
- Empowered communities
- Uphold human rights standards

The implementation of the LGBTIQA+ Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2026 is a cross-Council effort and all parts of the organisation play an important role in the successful delivery of the goals and actions. The information gathered here is a snapshot of the many activities and initiatives that were delivered during 2024-2025. To view the LGBTIQA+ Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2026 visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au.